The Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

300. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the average attendance of patients in the Central Ayurvedic Hospital (a) in the first three months after it was started and (b) in the last three months;

(2) what will be the approximate average expense for a patient ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—(1) (a) 60 a day.

(b) 430 a day.

(2) Re. 0—0—7.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— May I know, Sir, whether there has been any addition to the staff subsequent to the starting of this institution ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—The staff was augmented by a paid lady physician, paid supervisor in charge of medicines, paid physician for poison treatment and a paid physician for eye treatment. And then two or three additions in the menial staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— For attending upon the patients has there been any substantial increase ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—There is a lady Doctor. I have also increased the number of honrary physicians.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— What I want to bring home to the Government is whether it is not desirable due to the increase in the number of attendance of patients to have a sufficiently strong staff if possible paid men to attend to their work ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—The number I may inform you is adequate. There are six persons As for the question of giving an honorarium to the three honorary physicians it can be considered when funds permit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— Was there not a request from these honorary men who were there for long to take them on to the paid staff ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—There was a request. But it did not meet the approval of the Government for want of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— In view of the fact that the number of patients has largely increased, is it not necessary to have a contented paid staff to attend to the needs of the patients ?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— The honorary physicians came of their own accord. My idea is that they are doing their duty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— They came to do service for its own sake.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I take that this 7 pies per head represents the cost of medicines supplied ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— That is what I think.

License fees—cocoanut husk retting.

301. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) if it is not a fact that the license fees on cocoanut husk retting was suspended for this year; and

(2) if it proposes to collect license fees in the year 1111;

(3) if the answer to the second part is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to re-consider its decision in view of the present hard conditions of the cocoanut grower ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Government cannot give any asssurance now for a general exemption from payment of license fees.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Are they aware of the hard conditions of the cocoanut growers? If so whether the license fees on cocoanut husk retting will be suspended this year ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— It will be considered on the merits of individual cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— At the time of answering this particular question was the recent cut motion passed on the department before the Hon'ble Member? Was it previous to the passing of the cut motion that this particular answer was written by the Hon'ble Member ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— The answer was given before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— In view of the passing of the cut motion will the Hon'ble Member reconsider the position ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— I have already said that individual cases will be considered on the merits of those cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— At least in the merits of cases ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Most certainly.

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